

## **Colorado Crop Progress**

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**Agricultural Summary:** The state of Colorado experienced below average amounts of moisture. Temperatures across the state were above average last week. The warmer conditions are helping crops catch up to the 5 year averages. Producers were allowed 6.5 days in the field for operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT							
	Very Short   Short   Adequate   Sur						
This Week	19	38	41	2			
Last Week	22	38	39	1			
Last Year	4	18	75	3			

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT							
	Very Short   Short   Adequate   Surp						
This Week	25	39	35	1			
Last Week	26	40	33	1			
Last Year	4	24	69	3			

**Small Grains:** Winter wheat was 60 percent turning color, 22 percent ripe and 1 percent harvested this week with the crop rated in mostly fair to poor condition. Spring barley was 34 percent headed and 3 percent turning color in mostly good condition. Spring wheat was 21 percent headed and 2 percent turning color, in mostly good to fair condition.

Row Crops: The 2008 corn crop was 99 percent emerged last week. The crop is in mostly fair to good condition. Summer potatoes were 80 percent emerged and the fall potato crop was 65 percent emerged. Sorghum was 78 percent planted and 30 percent emerged by week's end. Farmers had 80 percent of the sunflowers planted. Sugarbeets completed the up to stand stage last week with the crop in good condition.

## SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending June 22, 2008									
	Very	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent				
	Poor								
	Winter Wheat								
This Week	19	30	33	15	3				
Last Year	3	5	19	48	25				
	Spring Barley								
This Week	2	7	31	37	23				
Last Year	0	3	26	46	25				
Spring Wheat									
This Week	1	11	27	35	26				
Last Year	0	3	30	43	24				

**Pasture, Range, and Hay:** Pasture and range conditions across Colorado were rated in mostly fair to poor condition. First cutting alfalfa was 79 percent complete, while second cutting was 2 percent. The crop was rated in mostly good to fair condition.

**Livestock:** Death losses for cattle were rated just below average while sheep were rated at average. Stored feed supplies are slightly below average for this time of year.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending June 22, 2008

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel- lent
Pasture & Range-2008	21	28	33	15	3
Prev. Year – 2007	1	3	22	60	14
5-Year Avg.	12	18	28	35	7

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Development Ratings for Week Ending June 22, 2008

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Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg	
Winter Wheat					
Turning Color	60	36	77	75	
Ripe	22	7	27	26	
Harvested	1	0	1	4	
Spring Barley					
Headed	34	15	38	52	
Turning Color	3	1	3	3	
Spring Wheat					
Headed	21	4	33	45	
Turning Color	2	0	2	4	
Corn					
Emerged	99	98	97	99	
Summer Potatoes					
Emerged	80	70	90	90	
Fall Potatoes					
Emerged	65	40	84	83	
Sorghum					
Planted	78	55	94	89	
Emerged	30	15	63	67	
Sunflowers					
Planted	80	60	94	85	
Dry Beans					
Planted	67	55	94	94	
Emerged	40	30	55	66	
Alfalfa					
1 <sup>st</sup> Cutting	79	50	80	75	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting	2	0	4	2	

COLORADO CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION RATINGS 1/

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Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Barley	2	7	31	37	23
Winter Wheat	19	30	33	15	3
Spring Wheat	1	11	27	35	26
Corn	5	9	27	34	25
Alfalfa	1	8	29	46	16
Dry Onions	0	4	32	50	14
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>	0	5	30	60	5
Fall Potatoes	0	7	28	44	21
Dry Beans	3	3	22	72	0
Sugarbeets	2	6	20	53	19
Sorghum	21	30	41	5	3
Livestock	1	7	30	50	12

<sup>1/</sup> Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.

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